| Benefits Summary | | | |
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| Near-Term (Filing Season 2001-2002) | | Medium-Term (Filing Season 2003-2005)* | Long-Term (Filing Season 2006-2008)** |
| Organizational Modernization Benefits (Not Process-Specific) Customized Services | Increased value to proposition to transact electronically (2) Selected value adding parties receive long awaited enhancements (2) | More value adding third parties converting to e- Services and more being retained (2) Targeted marketing focuses resources more effi- ciently and lowers administrative costs (2) Targeted marketing helps to increase volume of e-Service usage by focusing on under-performing third parties and underserved taxpayers (2) | Targeted and customized education via improved research and segmentation (2,8,9,10) Improved taxpayer issues identification increases quality of communication (5,6,7,9) |
| Greater focus on education and communication Early recognition and resolution of problems End-to-end accountability | Improved taxpayer access to service, by telephone and Internet (1) Improved workload management via intelligent call routing (1) | Enhanced assistance options for taxpayers via secure e-mail correspondence (2,5) Correct and consistent responses to taxpayer inquiries (5) Proactive assistance via taxpayer case histories (10) Targeted, timely employee training in enhanced assistance capabilities (11) | Reduced cycle-time for registering new taxpayer entities (8) Proactive, targeted assistance delivered through multiple channels (5,6,7,8,9,10,11) |
| Management roles revised to move decisions closer to taxpayers Facilitate reengineering and deployment of technology More effective/efficient tax | Some refunds within days for e-filers (2,3) Increased electronic filing through third parties (2) | Refunds within days for most taxpayers (2,3) Reduced taxpayer burden, making it simpler and easier to file taxes (time, cost, etc.), via direct filing (2) Increased taxpayer satisfaction leading to greater participation in e-Services and higher retention (2) | Improved payment options for taxpayers (2) Exceed RRA goal of 80% electronic submissions (2) More effort spent serving taxpayers due to less effort spent processing paper (2) |
| administration Increased practitioner involvement Empower employees to improve service (workforce realignment) Customer-focused organization (operating division | Improved taxpayer access to service, by telephone and Internet (1) Improved Power of Attorney management for e-filers (2) Enhanced assistance messages for third parties via secure messaging (2) | Improved "first-call" resolution rate via electronic case folders (5) Enhanced assistance options via secure e-mail and Internet correspondence (2) Real-time access to customer account data (5) Targeted, timely employee training in enhanced assistance capabilities (1,11) Greater employee insight into customer history and future needs (4,5,9) | Proactive, targeted assistance delivered through multiple channels (5,6,7,8,9,10,11) |
| Improved service to large and mid-sized businesses (industry realignment) Better alignment between | Increased effectiveness via more targeted case selection (6) Faster case resolution (4,6) | Improved case management (5,6) | Targeted exam efforts resulting from risk-based case selection (6) Exam cycle reduced to 12 - 18 months (3,6) Highly effective resource allocation (3,5,6) |
| field and service centers (service center realignment) | | Centralized case history (7) Increased use of risk-based criteria for case- selection help to empower employees (7) | Targeted collection efforts due to risk- based case selection (7) Improved probability of successful collection resulting from earlier initiation (7) |
| Enhanced training programs for employees (11) Improved access to management information. (11) | | Targeted and timely employee training (11) More effective workforce management (11) Improved management reporting & decision- making (12) | Integrated planning, budgeting and capital expenditure (12) Improved overall resource/asset management (12) Reliable financial statements (12) |
| Consolidation of multiple IS Help Desks to a single Virtual Help Desk Remote network support capabilities allowing flexible resource locations Centralized reporting on all IRS computing devices | | Improved systems to provide global service On-line Tax Law Assistance Standards-based integrated systems development and maintenance environment | Reduction in unit cost of telecommunica- tions services while substantially increasing usage Improved methods for providing continuous protection of IRS information resources |

Italic - Process Re-engineering Enabled Benefits Blue - Technology-enabled Benefits Plain - Both Process & Technology Enabled

Tier B projects to be defined by new business units

* in addition to near-term benefits

** in addition to near-term and medium-term benefits